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Lisa McDonald  
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Prairieville, Louisiana 70769

**Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2021-537**

Dear Ms. McDonald:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its September 3, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether you may obtain a part-time job with East Baton Rouge Communications District while serving as a 911 Communications Coordinator with the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

#### **FACTS PROVIDED**

You are currently serving as a 911 Communications Coordinator with the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. You would also like to obtain a part-time position with East Baton Rouge Communications District to assist them with their Geographic Information System data. The Communications District does not manage any 911 telecommunicators.

#### **LAW**

**La. R.S. 42:1111C(1)(a)** prohibits a public servant from receiving any thing of economic value for any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of the agency of the public servant and in which the public servant has participated.

#### **ANALYSIS**

As you will not be receiving a thing of economic value for any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and in which you have participated. However, you should be advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General. The Board suggests that you contact that office regarding the application of those laws. A copy of your request and this opinion has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that generally, the Code will not prohibit you from seeking employment with East Baton Rouge Communications District while also being

employed by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Opinions on the dual-office holding and dual-employment laws are within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General. The Office of the Attorney General may be contacted at (225) 326-6000.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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Charles E. Reeves, Jr.  
For the Board

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